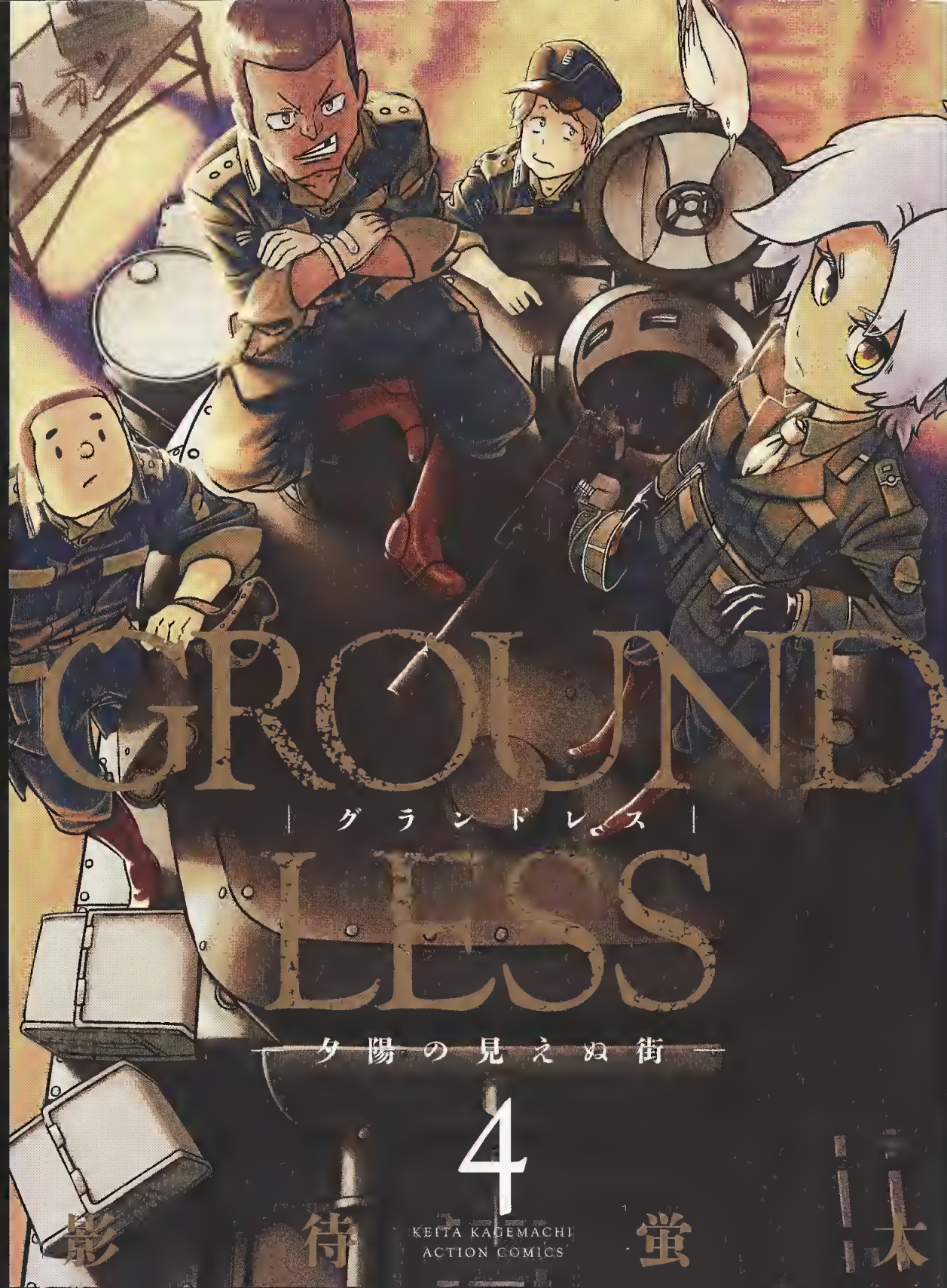

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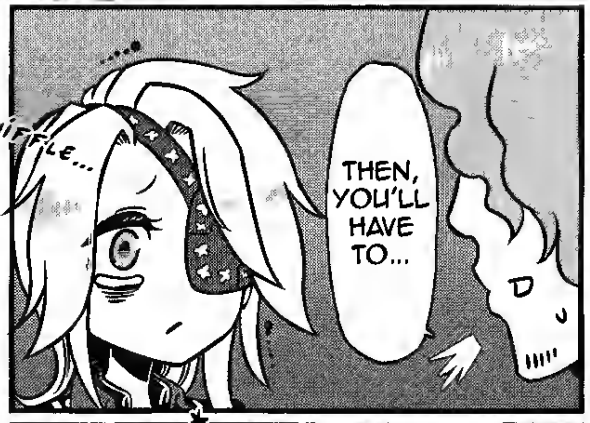

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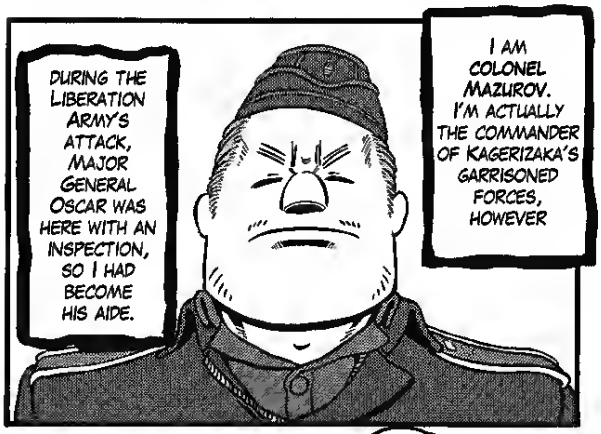
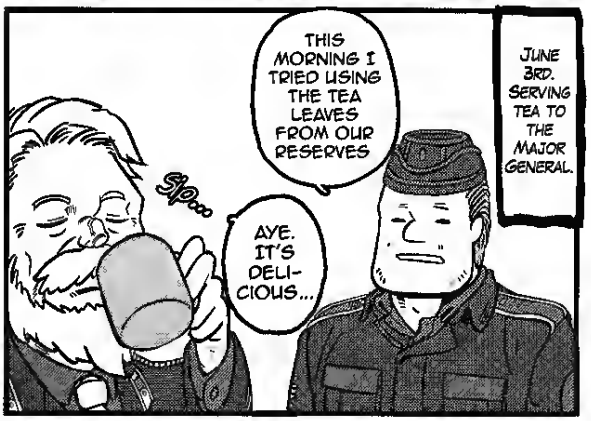

I AM COLONEL MAZUROV. I'M ACTUALLY THE COMMANDER OF KAGERIZAKA'S GARRISONED FORCES, HOWEVER
DURING THE LIBERATION ARMY'S ATTACK, MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR WAS HERE WITH AN INSPECTION, SO I HAD BECOME HIS AIDE.

JUNE 3RD POISON TASTING THE FOOD RATIONS.
...MMM! TASTY!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S SAFE.
IF WE CAUSE A FOOD POISONING, OUR STRATEGY WILL COME TO NOTHING!


JUNE 3RD. SERVING TEA TO THE MAJOR GENERAL.
THIS MORNING I TRIED USING THE TEA LEAVES FROM OUR RESERVES
SIP...
AYE. IT'S DELICIOUS...

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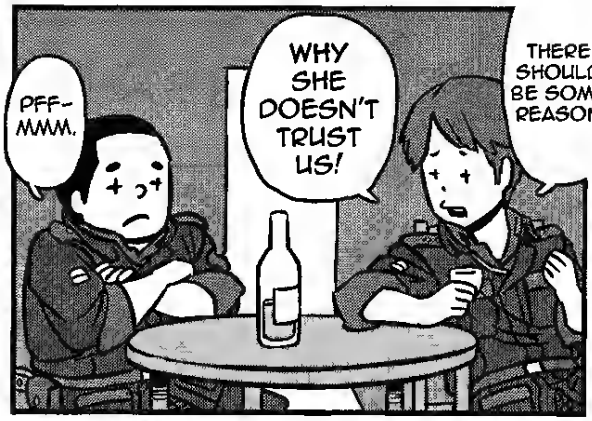

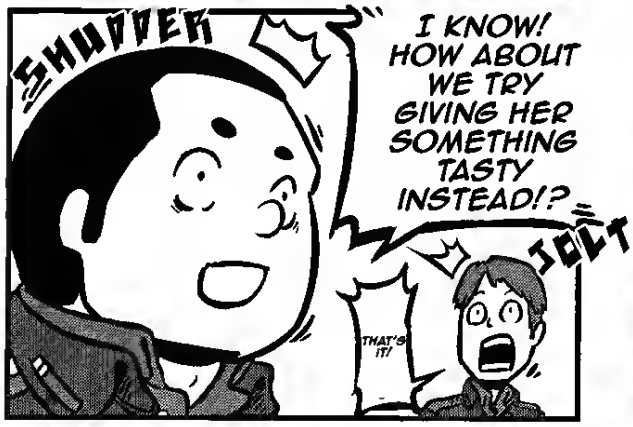

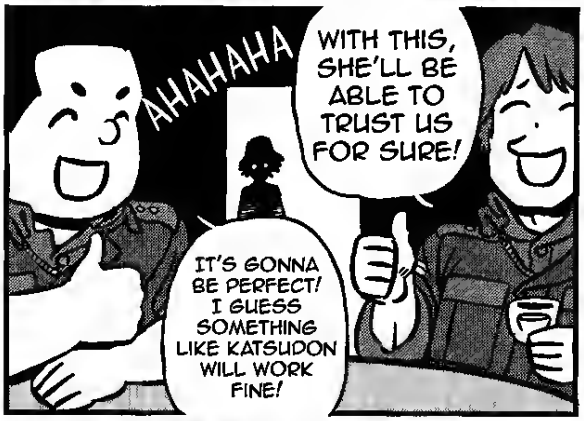

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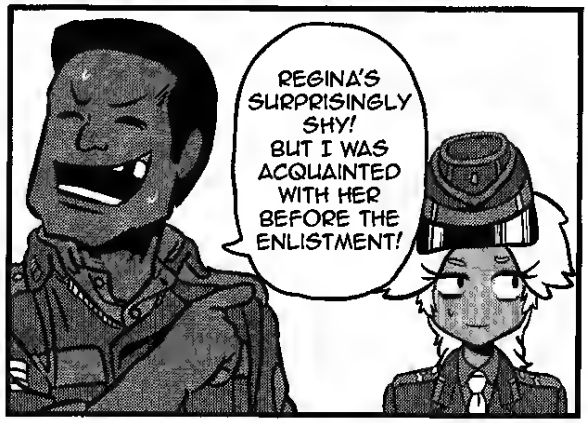

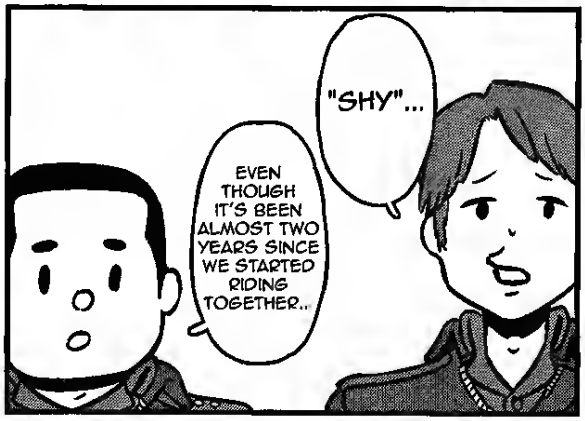

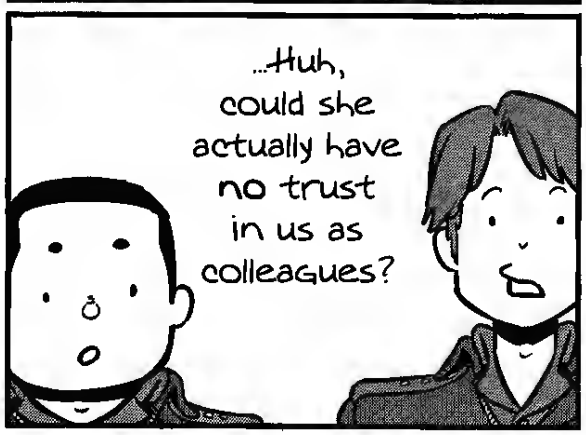

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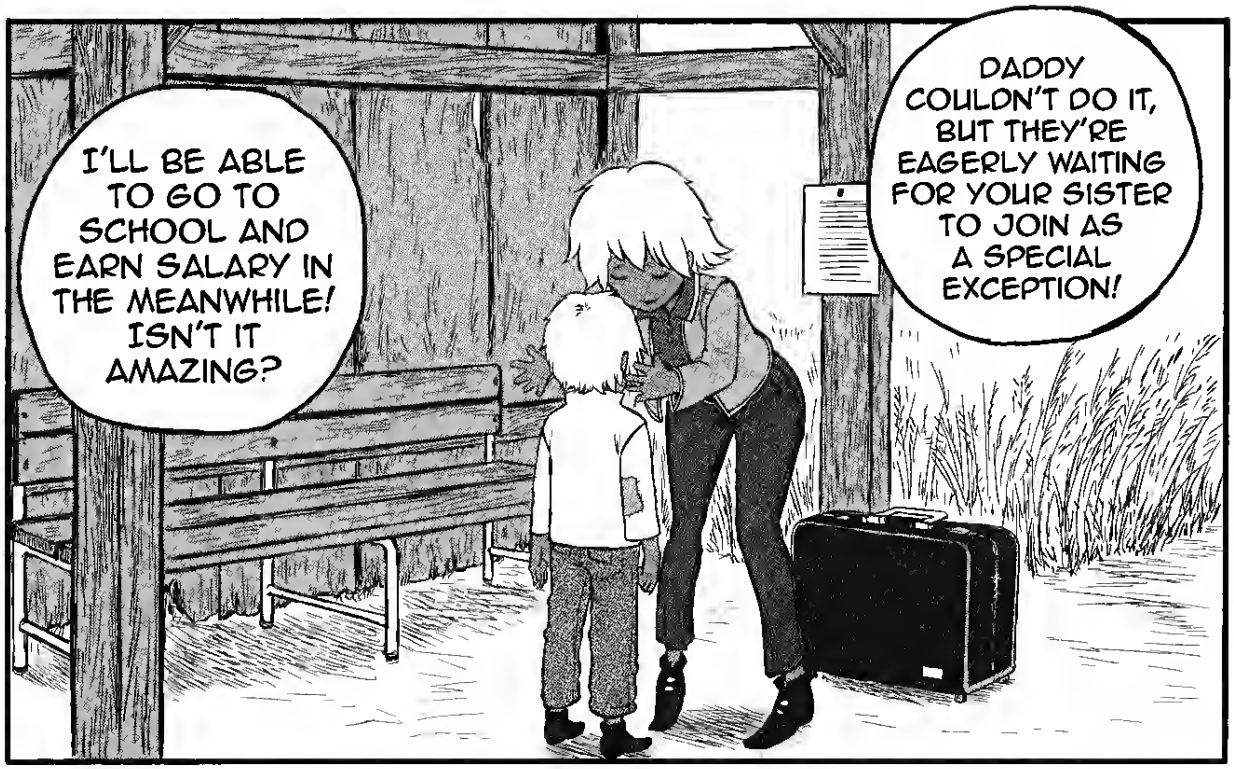
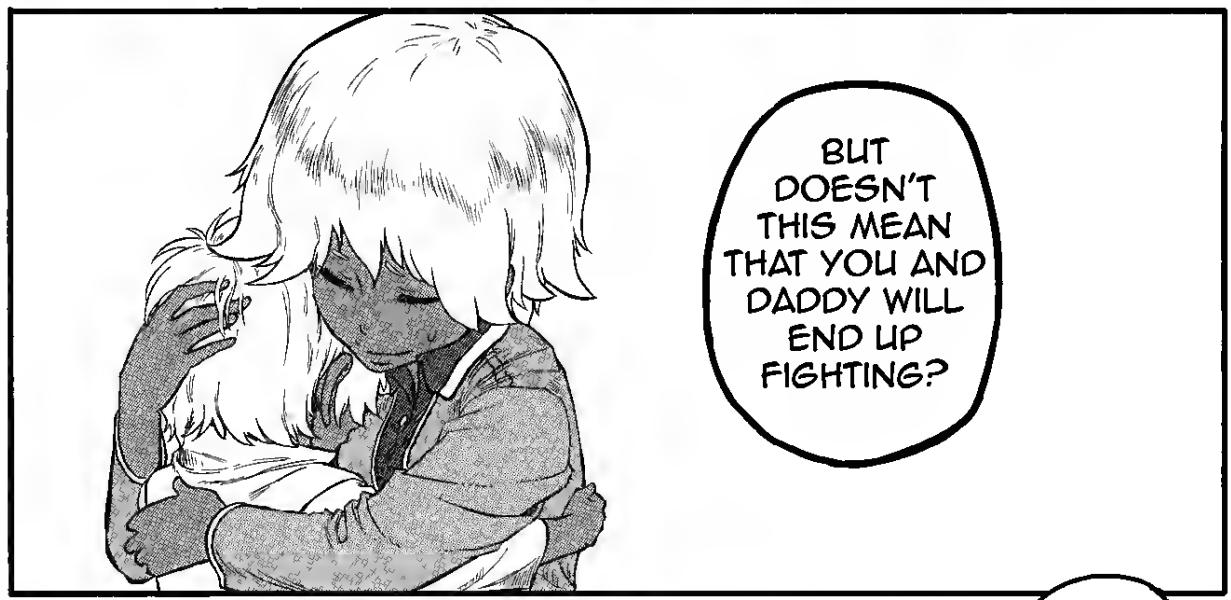
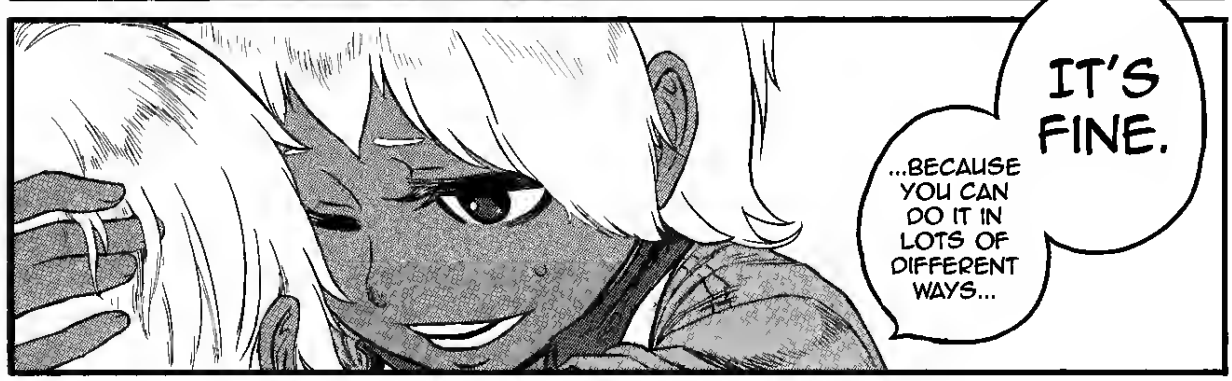
REGINA. SORRY, BUT DADDY DECIDED TO JOIN THE CITIZEN'S LIBERATION ARMY.
I THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE LINEAGE-INDEPENDENT ISLAND ARMY TOO. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN'T JOIN AT MY AGE
I HADN'T GONE TO PLANT GRAPES THIS YEAR AND THE CITY CENTER WON'T GIVE US ANY SUPPORT EITHER
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LIBERATION ARMY DOES, BUT BECAUSE IT'S AN ORGANIZATION, THEY PROBABLY HAVE A RATION OR TWO TO SPARE

IF THERE'S A JOB YOU CAN DO, YOU GO DO IT TOO.
AS LONG AS WE SEND LIVING EXPENSES WHILE WORKING AND SUPPORT THE FAMILY, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S ME OR YOU.
SIS. WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW?
DON'T WORRY. LEAVE IT TO YOUR SISTER.
THE OTHER DAY, A MILITARY MAN FROM THE CAPITAL CAME AND SAID: "PLEASE, BE SURE TO JOIN!"
DADDY HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO JOIN THE ISLAND ARMY, BUT A SCOUT CAME FOR ME!


I'LL BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL AND EARN SALARY IN THE MEANWHILE! ISN'T IT AMAZING?
DADDY COULDN'T DO IT, BUT THEY'RE EAGERLY WAITING FOR YOUR SISTER TO JOIN AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION!

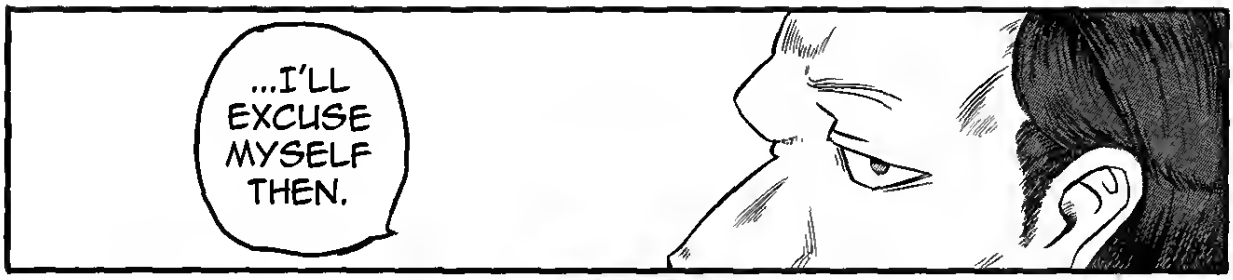

BUT DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT YOU AND DADDY WILL END UP FIGHTING?


IT'S FINE.
...BECAUSE YOU CAN DO IT IN LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS...

EVEN IF EVERYONE HERE HAVE TURNED INTO FRIENDS AND FOES.
AS LONG AS WE SURVIVE, IT'S A VICTORY FOR OUR FAMILY.
...WHAT TIME IT IS NOW?
IT'S ALMOST 15:00. YOUR UNIT SEEMS TO BE QUITE LAX.
LIEUTENANT RATIKOVA?

ISLAND ARMY'S MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY SECRETARY COLONEL GORE DECKER
THE TRULY LAX ONES ARE ALL OF YOU OFFICERS WHO HAD ONLY BEEN COMING HERE FOR INSPECTIONS BEFORE THE UPRISING!
HAHA! IT'S JUST AS YOU'RE SAYING!
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S 15 MINUTES LATE...!
...PLEASE, BE SURE TO WAKE ME UP...
ISLAND ARMY'S 11TH ARMOURED REGIMENT, 36TH ARMOURED PLATOON C.O. (TANK COMMANDER) 2ND LIEUTENANT REGINA RATIKOVA
THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF WAR WHERE THE SITUATION CHANGES IN A MERE 15 MINUTES.
SNAP
TUG
THAT'S WHY I TRIED TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR "ORIGINAL DUTIES" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE.
THIS IS NOT MY ORIGINAL JOB.
BESIDES!
TIGHTEN
STAMP

EVEN IF THE WAR SITUATION DOESN'T CHANGE, WHO KNOWS HOW MANY SKIRMISHES ARE HAPPENING.
I CANNOT ENDURE MY FELLOW SUBORDINATES GETTING INTO TROUBLE WHILE I'M GONE!
OH DEAR ME!
YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN USED TO THIS *OUTFIT* TOO IN THE SHORT TIME WE DIDN'T MEET, HAVEN'T YOU? HOW RELIABLE!
I DIDN'T THINK SOMEONE WHO WAS ONLY ABLE TO BECOME A TANKER BY SLEEPING WITH ME WOULD BE SO RESOURCEFUL.
IN FACT, YOU GRADUATED FROM THE TANK OFFICER'S ACADEMY AS A TOP STUDENT AND NOW YOU'RE PROPERLY SERVING AS A TANK PLATOON COMMANDER...!
YOU'RE MAKING ME PROUD AND IT'S ALSO CONVENIENT!! THERE'S NOTHING BUT BENEFITS, HAHAHA HAHA!!



WELL, PLEASE HANG IN THERE AS LONG AS YOU CAN.

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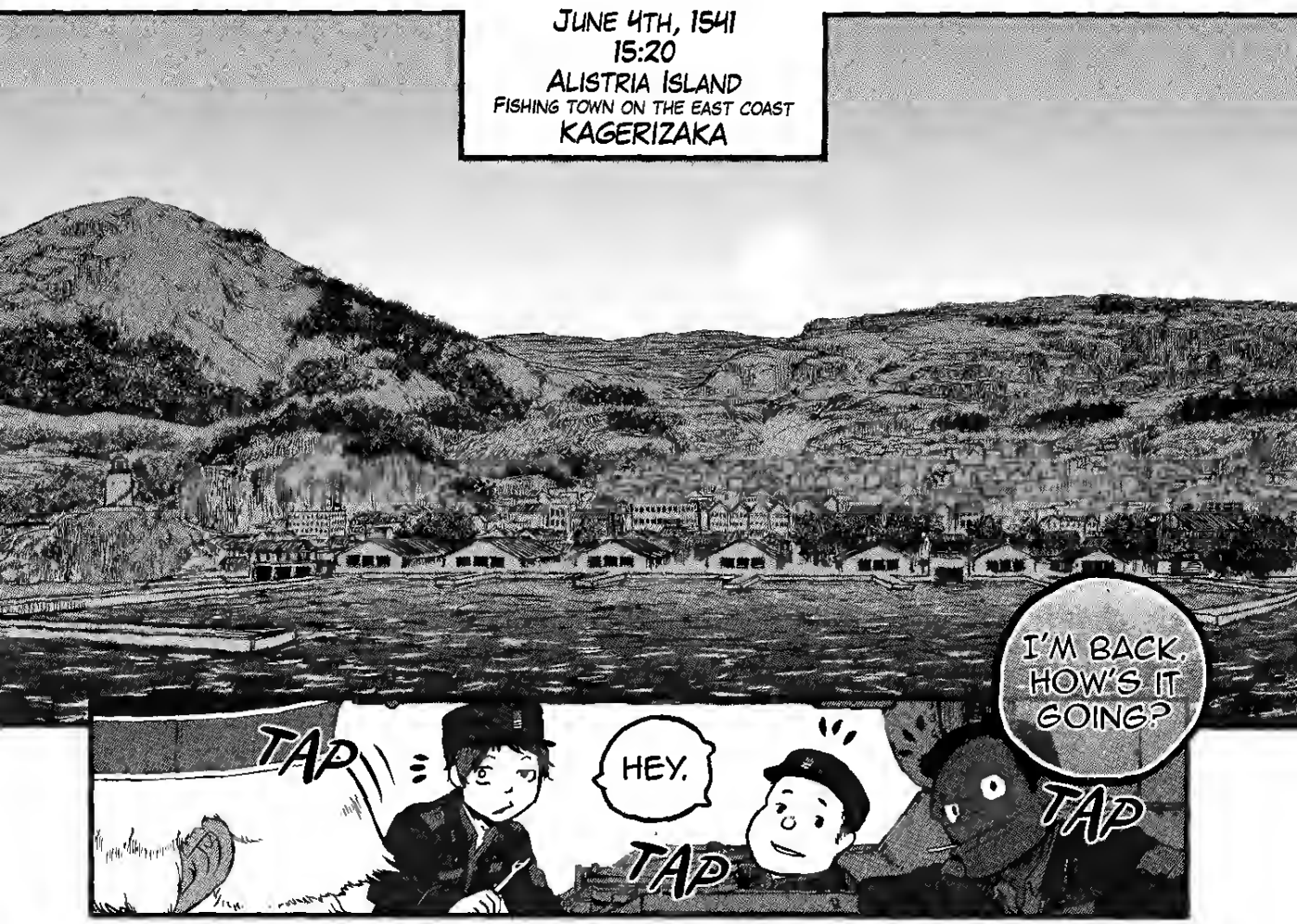
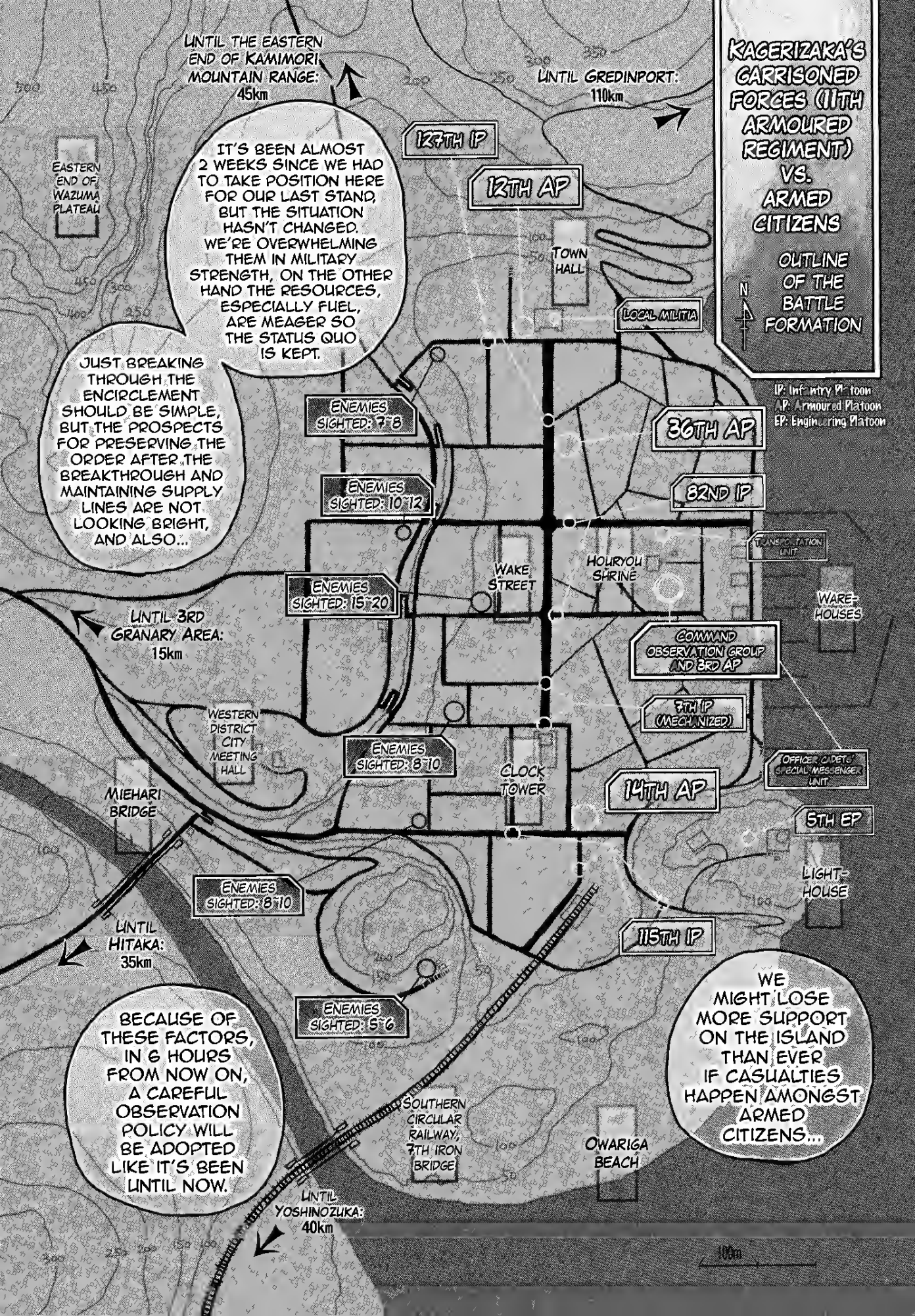
15:20
ALISTRIA ISLAND
FISHING TOWN ON THE EAST COAST
KAGERIZAKA



BWAHAHA, NOTHING IS HAPPENING AS USUAL! THEY ARE FRIGHTENED BY THE TANK, WE ARE FRIGHTENED BY REPORTS OF CIVILIANS BEING SHOT BY ACCIDENT, EVERYONE'S PARALYZED!
DRIVER SERGEANT MAJOR YOICHI ONODERA
(Yep, well said.)
WE SHARED A BIT OF FOOD WITH SOME ENEMY PERSON AND THE SUNSET CAME BEFORE LONG AS WE GAZED AT THE MOUNTAIN.
MACHINE GUNNER/ MECHANIC SERGEANT SEPTEMBER BERGEN
LOADER/ GUNNER SERGEANT MAJOR WESLEY JONSON
STAMP
UM... THIS IS A DIRECTIVE WITH THE STATED TIME OF 15:00. "IF NOTHING ACTUALLY HAPPENS IN HALF A DAY, REAFFIRM THE SITUATION..." HERE YOU GO.
HEY, SHOULD COWARDS LIKE YOU GUYS, WHO WERE ONLY ACCEPTED IN THE TANK CORPS BY USING MONEY AND CONNECTIONS, REALLY COMPLAIN ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES?
THE MOST UNUSUAL THING I CAN SPEAK OF IS A CERTAIN TANK COMMANDER GOING TO HAVE FUN IN TOWN AND BEING 20 MINUTES LATE FOR THE APPOINTED MEETING TIME.
grumble
HAHAHA...


KAGERIZAKA'S GARRISONED FORCES (11TH ARMOURED REGIMENT) VS. ARMED CITIZENS
OUTLINE OF THE BATTLE FORMATION
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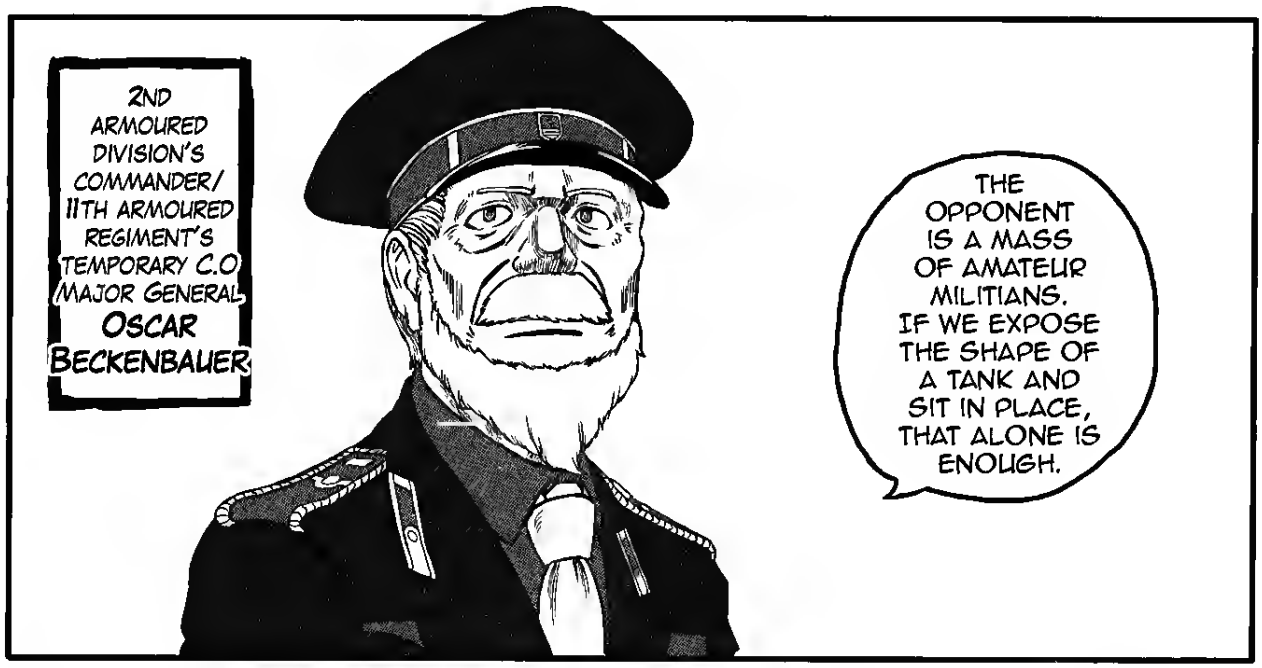
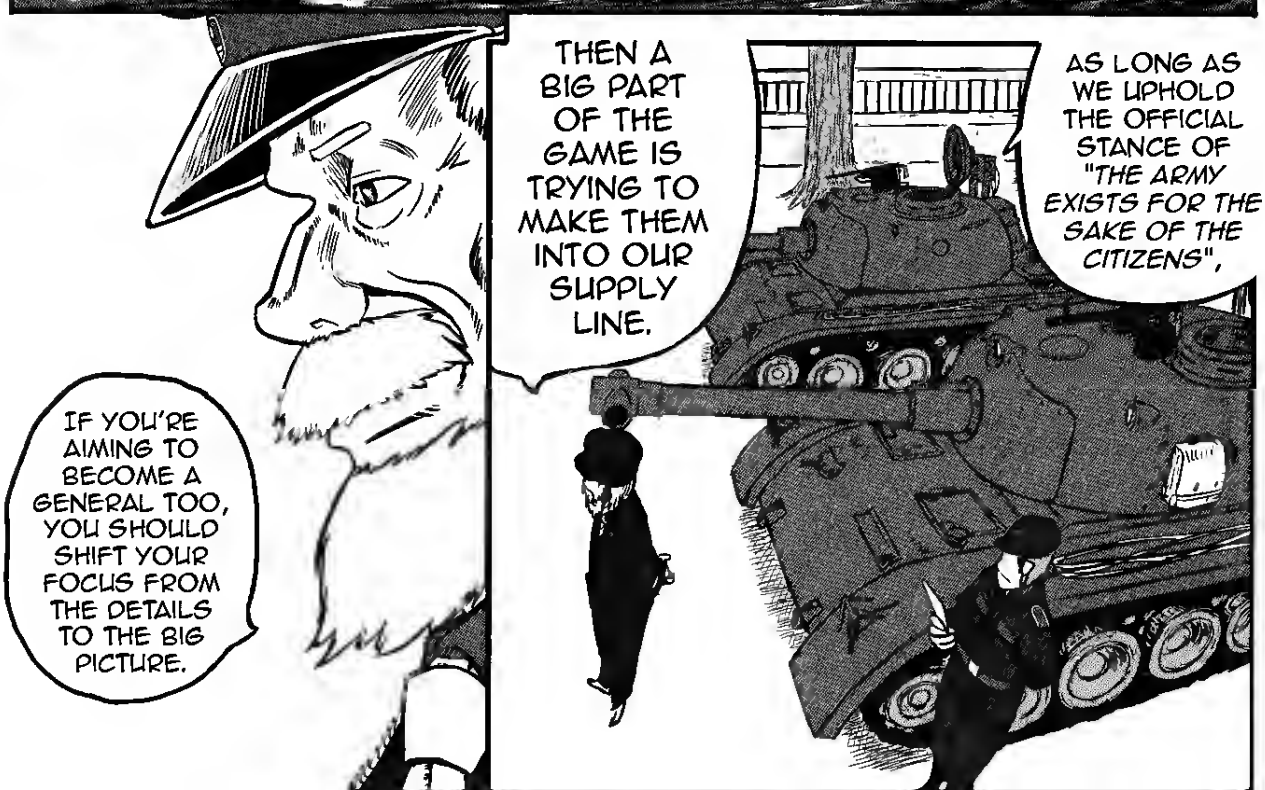
IP: Infantry Platoon
AP: Armoured Platoon
EP: Engineering Platoon
UNTIL THE EASTERN END OF KAMIMORI MOUNTAIN RANGE: 45km
UNTIL GREDINPORT: 110km
EASTERN END OF WAZUMA PLATEAU
IT'S BEEN ALMOST 2 WEEKS SINCE WE HAD TO TAKE POSITION HERE FOR OUR LAST STAND, BUT THE SITUATION HASN'T CHANGED. WE'RE OVERWHELMING THEM IN MILITARY STRENGTH, ON THE OTHER HAND THE RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY FUEL, ARE MEAGER SO THE STATUS QUO IS KEPT.
JUST BREAKING THROUGH THE ENCIRCLEMENT SHOULD BE SIMPLE, BUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PRESERVING THE ORDER AFTER THE BREAKTHROUGH AND MAINTAINING SUPPLY LINES ARE NOT LOOKING BRIGHT, AND ALSO...
127TH IP
12TH AP
TOWN HALL
LOCAL MILITIA
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 7~8
36TH AP
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 10~12
82ND IP
TRANSPORTATION UNIT
WAKE STREET
HOURYOU SHRINE
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 15~20
WARE-HOUSES
UNTIL 3RD GRANARY AREA: 15km
COMMAND OBSERVATION GROUP AND 3RD AP
WESTERN DISTRICT CITY MEETING HALL
7TH IP (MECHANIZED)
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 8~10
OFFICER CADETS' SPECIAL MESSENGER UNIT
CLOCK TOWER
MIEHARI BRIDGE
14TH AP
5TH EP
LIGHT-HOUSE
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 8~10
UNTIL HITAKA: 35km
115TH IP
WE MIGHT LOSE MORE SUPPORT ON THE ISLAND THAN EVER IF CASUALTIES HAPPEN AMONGST ARMED CITIZENS...
BECAUSE OF THESE FACTORS, IN 6 HOURS FROM NOW ON, A CAREFUL OBSERVATION POLICY WILL BE ADOPTED LIKE IT'S BEEN UNTIL NOW.
ENEMIES SIGHTED: 5~6
SOUTHERN CIRCULAR RAILWAY, 7TH IRON BRIDGE
OWARIGA BEACH
UNTIL YOSHINOZUKA: 40km
100m

MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR, PARDON MY INSOLENCE. MAYBE WE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND BREAK DOWN THIS STALEMATE.
WE CAN PROCURE FOOD BY OPERATING THE CONFISCATED FISHING BOATS, BUT OUR FUEL RESOURCES ARE ON THE VERGE OF RUNNING OUT.
11TH ARMOURED REGIMENT'S COMMANDER COLONEL ICA MAZUROV
RATHER THAN INCREASING THE NUMBERS OF ARMED CITIZENS BY AGGRAVATING THE PUBLIC, SHOULD WE NOT WORRY ABOUT OUR FORCES BECOMING UNABLE TO FUNCTION DUE TO THE FUEL SHORTAGE?
UM... I'M MEAN, THIS IS BASICALLY MY REGIMENT, SO IF THE FORCES WILL BECOME UNABLE TO MOVE...
...MAZUROV-KUN. YOU ARE A VERY SHORT-TEMPERED MAN.
ISN'T THIS A SITUATION TO LET THE ARMOURED CORPS OPERATE AS AN ARMOURED CORPS?


2ND ARMOURED DIVISION'S COMMANDER/ 11TH ARMOURED REGIMENT'S TEMPORARY C.O MAJOR GENERAL OSCAR BECKENBAUER
THE OPPONENT IS A MASS OF AMATEUR MILITIANS. IF WE EXPOSE THE SHAPE OF A TANK AND SIT IN PLACE, THAT ALONE IS ENOUGH.

BEING UNABLE TO CATCH FISH MEANS LOSING THE MEANS TO TURN THIS TOWN'S CITIZENS INTO ALLIES, YOUNG MAN.
INSTEAD, YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT BECOMING UNABLE TO SEND OUT THE FISHING BOATS DUE TO THE FUEL RUNNING OUT, RIGHT?

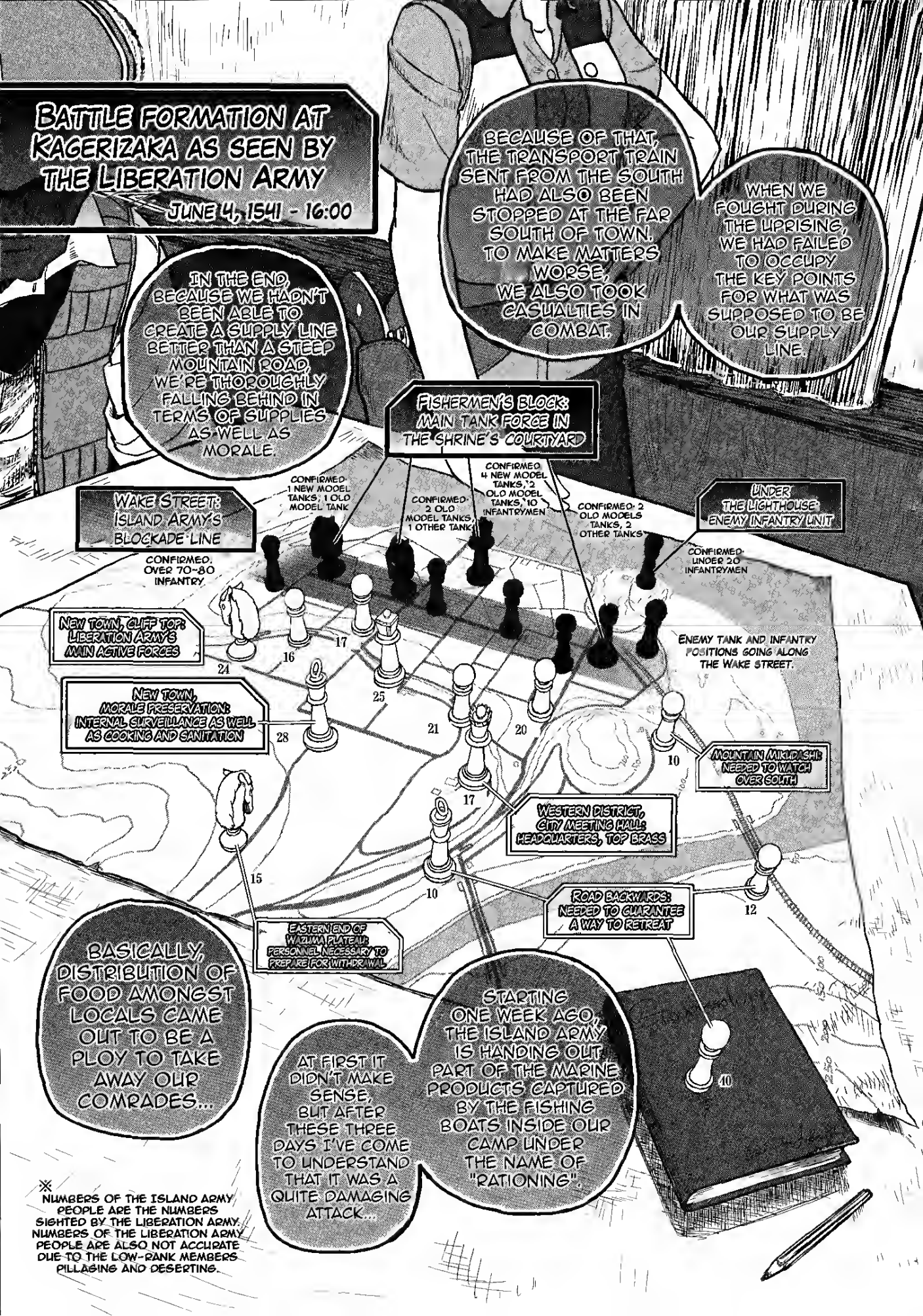

IF YOU'RE AIMING TO BECOME A GENERAL TOO, YOU SHOULD SHIFT YOUR FOCUS FROM THE DETAILS TO THE BIG PICTURE.
THEN A BIG PART OF THE GAME IS TRYING TO MAKE THEM INTO OUR SUPPLY LINE.
AS LONG AS WE UPHOLD THE OFFICIAL STANCE OF "THE ARMY EXISTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE CITIZENS",

THE GRANARY REGION WAS TAKEN OVER!?
WESTERN PART OF KAGERIZAKA (NEW URBAN AREA) LIBERATION ARMY-OCCUPIED DISTRICT
THEY RIPPED THROUGH ALMOST 50 PEOPLE INCLUDING HESSE AND HANDEL!?
LEADER OF THE LIBERATION ARMY LIVINDA JOVOVICH
LIBERATION ARMY'S ADVISER FRED BLOOM
YEAH...
ASSUMING THEY CAN RETAIN IT UNTIL THE WHEAT IS HARVESTED, WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT THE ENCIRCLEMENT CAMP LAID OUT AGAINST THE TANKS HERE!?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT BOTH HESSE'S AND MY [illegible]EDICTION [illegible]NED OUT TO BE [illegible]ONG...?
AN EXPLANATION WOULD BE NICE. IN CASE HESSE'S GROUP COMES BACK ALIVE, LET'S IMMEDIATELY ASK THEM ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

DON'T TALK WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS ABOUT THIS. AS WE ARE NOW, IT'S MERELY UNCERTAIN IF WE CAN SECURE PROVISIONS AND IN THESE 3 DAYS THE AMOUNT OF DESERTIONS AND UNAUTHORIZED PILLAGING IS ALREADY INCREASING...
IF THAT INFORMATION IS SOMEHOW DISCOVERED INSIDE THE CAMP, IN THE WORST CASE OUR LEADERSHIP MIGHT COLLAPSE.
I GET IT, I GET IT.
HEY, YOU PEOPLE ARE FROM THE LIBERATION ARMY!?
I'M A LOCAL, BUT
YOU SELFISHLY TURNED MY HOUSE INTO A HIDEOUT... YOU TOLD US TO GET OUT AND YOU DON'T GIVE US FOOD... LOOKS LIKE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS PILLAGED THIS MORNING, WASN'T IT!?
EVEN IN THIS TOWN, THERE WERE LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED YOU AND GAVE YOU MONEY, GOODS AND PLACES TO HIDE!! YOU HAD OBVIOUSLY DECEIVED THEM!!
I'D MUCH RATHER SIDE WITH THE ISLAND ARMY GUYS WHO DISTRIBUTE FOOD EVEN IN THIS SITUATION! WHY WON'T YOU GIVE US ANY!?
...OKAY, OKAY, I UNDER-STAND... I UNDER-STAND...

It wasn't supposed to be like this...

WESTERN DISTRICT, CITY MEETING HALL SOME ROOM.
WE'LL HAVE TO DISREGARD THE PLAN NOW... HOW UNFORTUNATE.
...
SHRUG
HOW SHAMEFUL...
BESIDES THE FOUR OF US, ALL PEOPLE DEFENDING THE GRANARY AREA WERE ANNIHILATED...
BEFORE ASKING FOR THE FULL STORY, I'LL INFORM YOU ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THIS TOWN.


BATTLE FORMATION AT KAGERIZAKA AS SEEN BY THE LIBERATION ARMY
JUNE 4, 1541 - 16:00
IN THE END, BECAUSE WE HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO CREATE A SUPPLY LINE BETTER THAN A STEEP MOUNTAIN ROAD, WE'RE THOROUGHLY FALLING BEHIND IN TERMS OF SUPPLIES AS WELL AS MORALE.
BECAUSE OF THAT, THE TRANSPORT TRAIN SENT FROM THE SOUTH HAD ALSO BEEN STOPPED AT THE FAR SOUTH OF TOWN. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, WE ALSO TOOK CASUALTIES IN COMBAT.
WHEN WE FOUGHT DURING THE UPRISING, WE HAD FAILED TO OCCUPY THE KEY POINTS FOR WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR SUPPLY LINE.
FISHERMEN'S BLOCK: MAIN TANK FORCE IN THE SHRINE'S COURTYARD
WAKE STREET: ISLAND ARMY'S BLOCKADE LINE
CONFIRMED: 1 NEW MODEL TANKS, 1 OLD MODEL TANK
CONFIRMED: 2 OLD MODEL TANKS, 1 OTHER TANK
CONFIRMED: 4 NEW MODEL TANKS, 2 OLD MODEL TANKS, 10 INFANTRYMEN
CONFIRMED: 2 OLD MODELS TANKS, 2 OTHER TANKS
UNDER THE LIGHTHOUSE: ENEMY INFANTRY UNIT
CONFIRMED: UNDER 20 INFANTRYMEN
CONFIRMED: OVER 70-80 INFANTRY
NEW TOWN, CLIFF TOP: LIBERATION ARMY'S MAIN ACTIVE FORCES
NEW TOWN, MORALE PRESERVATION: INTERNAL SURVEILLANCE AS WELL AS COOKING AND SANITATION
ENEMY TANK AND INFANTRY POSITIONS GOING ALONG THE WAKE STREET.
MOUNTAIN MIKIDASHI: NEEDED TO WATCH OVER SOUTH
WESTERN DISTRICT, CITY MEETING HALL: HEADQUARTERS, TOP BRASS
ROAD BACKWARDS: NEEDED TO GUARANTEE A WAY TO RETREAT
EASTERN END OF WAZUMA PLATEAU: PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR WITHDRAWAL
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BASICALLY, DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AMONGST LOCALS CAME OUT TO BE A PLOY TO TAKE AWAY OUR COMRADES...
AT FIRST IT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE, BUT AFTER THESE THREE DAYS I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS A QUITE DAMAGING ATTACK...
STARTING ONE WEEK AGO, THE ISLAND ARMY IS HANDING OUT PART OF THE MARINE PRODUCTS CAPTURED BY THE FISHING BOATS INSIDE OUR CAMP UNDER THE NAME OF "RATIONING".
※ NUMBERS OF THE ISLAND ARMY PEOPLE ARE THE NUMBERS SIGHTED BY THE LIBERATION ARMY. NUMBERS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY PEOPLE ARE ALSO NOT ACCURATE DUE TO THE LOW-RANK MEMBERS PILLAGING AND DESERTING.

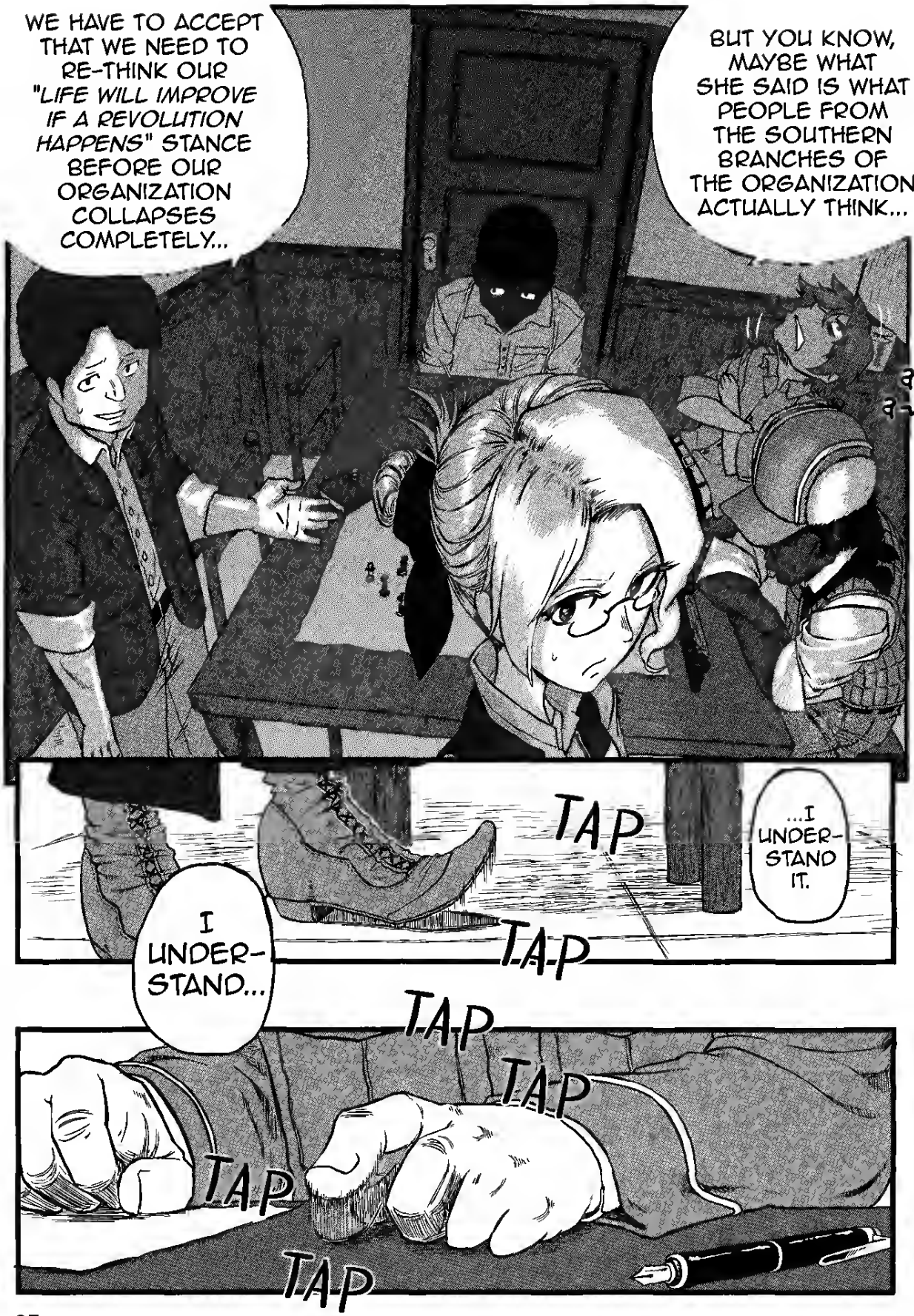
TO KEEP OUR ORGANIZATIONAL INTEGRITY, THERE IS ONE MORE RESULT THIS UPRISING NEEDS TO PRODUCE. HOWEVER, THE PLANS WE CAN IMPLEMENT ARE LIMITED...
IT'S NOT LIMITED TO THIS TOWN EITHER, WE CAN'T PROVIDE ENOUGH MONEY AND FOOD, AND WE ARE LOSING THE TRUST OF LOW-RANK COMRADES AND ANTAGONIZING COMMON CITIZENS.
FRANKLY SPEAKING, THERE ISN'T MUCH WE CAN DO AGAINST THE MILITARY.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY, BY GOING FOR THE ENCIRCLEMENT HERE, I WANTED TO INVOLVE THE LOCALS, WASTE TIME AND LURE THEM INTO SWITCHING SIDES.
THE GRANARY REGION WAS THE SOURCE OF PROVISIONS FOR THAT!
COAXING THE LEADER OF OUR OPPOSITION IN THE CENTRAL LANDS, DACIA'S GARRISONED FORCES, BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS GREED WENT WELL TOO!
YEAH
THE ENEMY IS JUST DACIA'S MILITIA! SO HOW DID IT POSSIBLY COME TO THAT RESULT!?

THE ENEMY HAD A SOLDIER WHO COULD SHOOT A PERSON'S HEAD FROM ACROSS HUNDRED OF METERS EVEN WITH A VERY LIMITED LIGHTING AS LONG AS THEY COULD SEE THE TARGET...
TOK...
...IT'S THE SNIPER...
...?
WAIT A MINUTE... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT JUST LIKE THAT... WAS THERE SOME *OTHER* FACTOR?
...
NO MATTER WHAT WE DID, IT WAS FUTILE...!
PROBABLY MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE ENDED UP BEING KILLED BY THEM ALONE.

DESPITE THIS, IT SEEMS THAT YOU WANT TO SAY THAT WE, PEOPLE WHO DID ACTUAL WORK, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE?
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD LISTENED TO WHAT YOU LEADERS TOLD US AND ACTED ACCORDINGLY, NOT A SINGLE THING HAS WENT RIGHT SINCE THIS UPRISING STARTED.
...WHAT. DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE CONVINCED THAT WE, THE OPERATIONS BRANCH, MADE AMISTAKE?
YOU GIVE YOUR SELF-IMPORTANT LECTURES AND JUST WATCH WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING YOURSELF...!!
CITY PEOPLE OF CONTINENTAL DESCENT ARE ALWAYS LIKE THAT...!
HMPH...
N-N- N-N- NOW NOW...!
HEY, YOU CUNT, ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING!?

MARIKA-SAN. I'M AWARE OF YOUR FEELINGS.
JUST LIKE YOU'RE SAYING, WE ALSO MADE A MISTAKE... IT'S NOT LIKE WE MEANT ANY HARM...
BECAUSE TRYING TO CHANGE THE COUNTRY IS IMPORTANT, MISTAKES AND SACRIFICES ARE UNAVOIDABLE. WE WILL THINK ABOUT A WAY TO SOMEHOW RECOVER FROM WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME TOO.
CHANGE THE COUNTRY?
THE COUNTRY... THE IDEALS... THOSE THINGS...
DIDN'T MATTER FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU FOOLS!!
EVERYONE'S ONLY DOING IT BECAUSE THERE IS NO FOOD!!! I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I CAN'T GET IT HONESTLY IN MY HOME TOWN!!!
THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD PEACE ARE PLOWING THE FIELDS IN THE SOUTH EVEN NOW!! DON'T YOU KNOW-
MARIKA!!

KACHAK
TAKE A LITTLE BREAK...
DON'T BRING PERSONAL MATTERS INTO THE ORGANIZATION'S BUSINESS...!
SLAM
HMPH
BE PATIENT WITH HER.
SHE'S JUST UPSET BECAUSE HER HUSBAND WAS KILLED...
SORRY LIVINDA, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S LOST HER WILL.


WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT WE NEED TO RE-THINK OUR "LIFE WILL IMPROVE IF A REVOLUTION HAPPENS" STANCE BEFORE OUR ORGANIZATION COLLAPSES COMPLETELY...
BUT YOU KNOW, MAYBE WHAT SHE SAID IS WHAT PEOPLE FROM THE SOUTHERN BRANCHES OF THE ORGANIZATION ACTUALLY THINK...
TAP
...I UNDER-STAND IT.
TAP
I UNDER-STAND...
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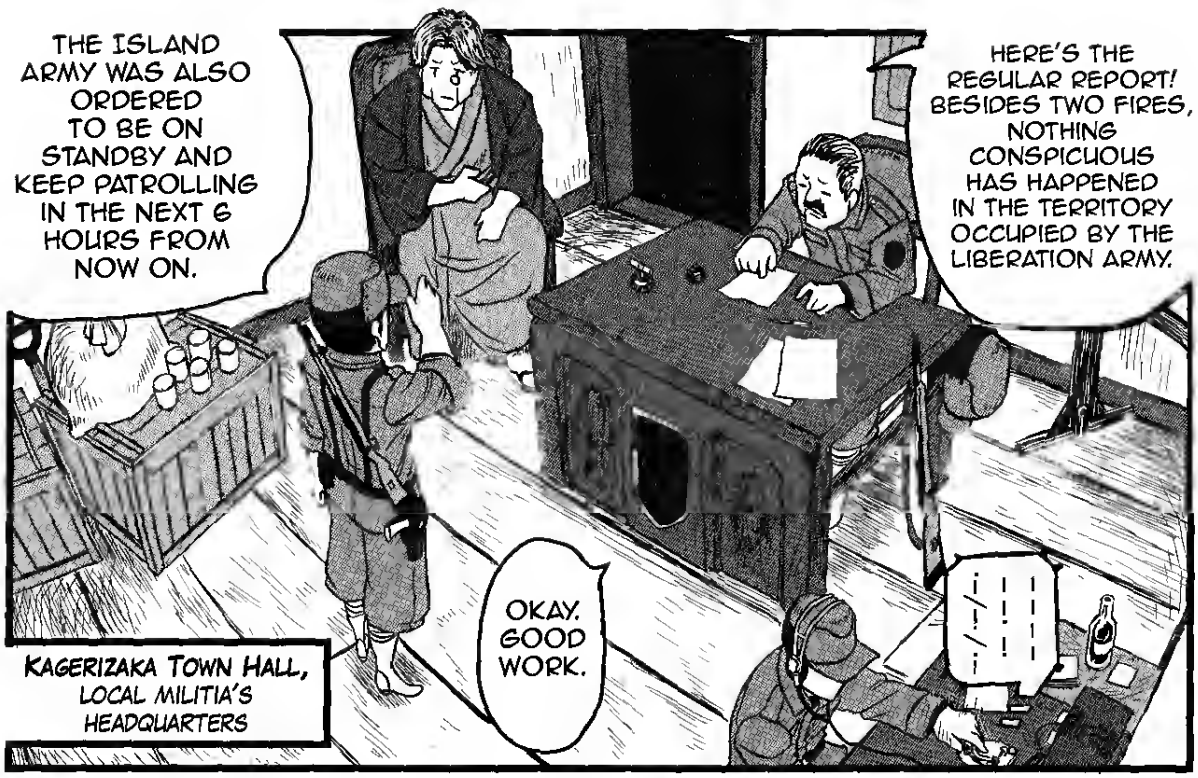
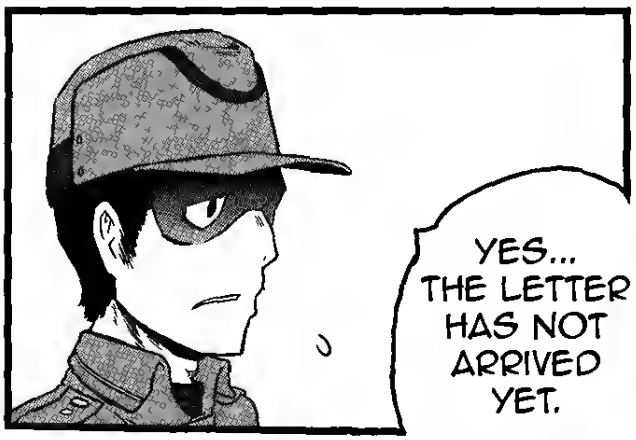
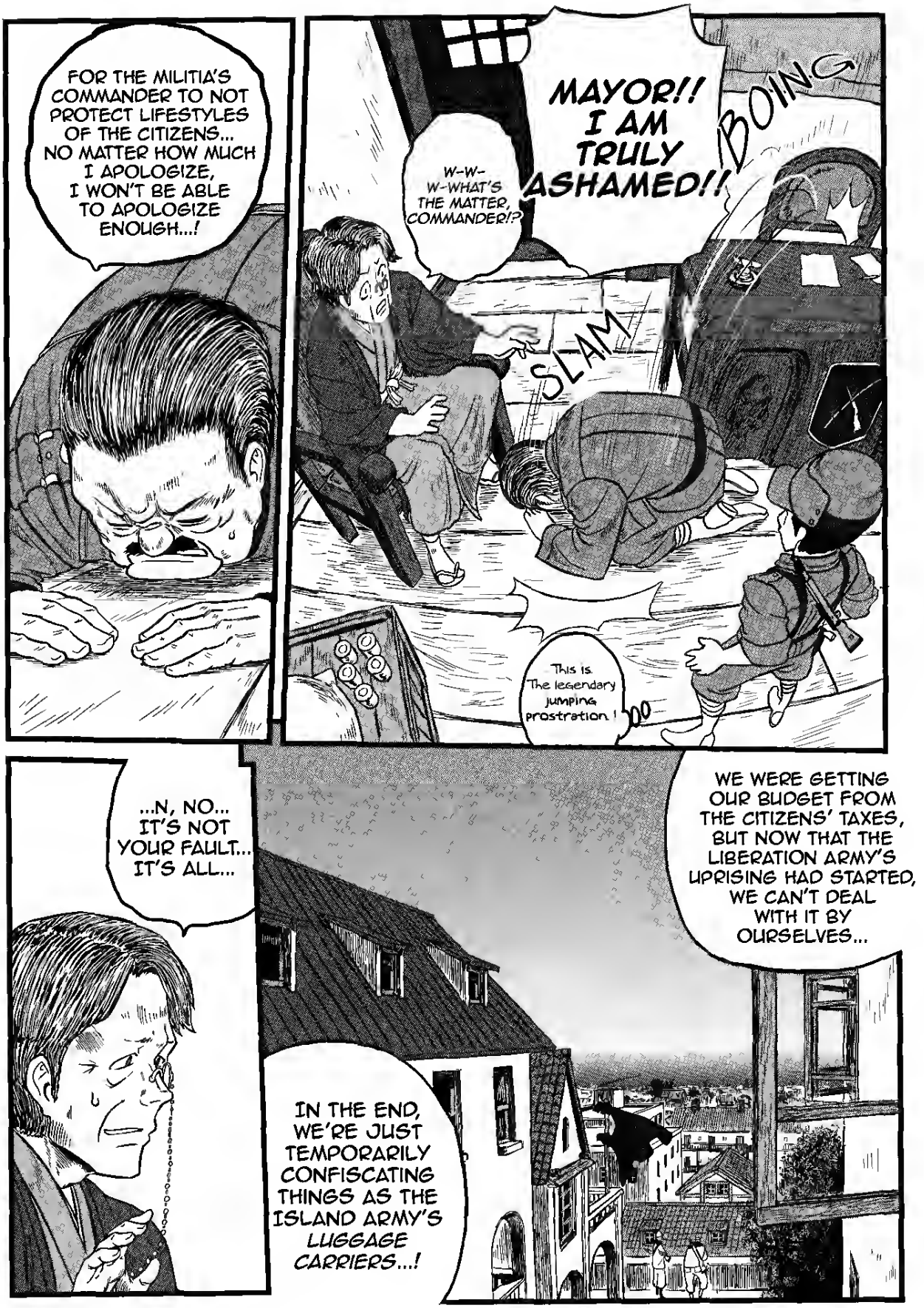

THE ISLAND ARMY WAS ALSO ORDERED TO BE ON STANDBY AND KEEP PATROLLING IN THE NEXT 6 HOURS FROM NOW ON.
HERE'S THE REGULAR REPORT! BESIDES TWO FIRES, NOTHING CONSPICUOUS HAS HAPPENED IN THE TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY THE LIBERATION ARMY.
OKAY. GOOD WORK.
KAGERIZAKA TOWN HALL, LOCAL MILITIA'S HEADQUARTERS
MORSE CODE: "TO <CT> NA..."


YES... THE LETTER HAS NOT ARRIVED YET.

HAVE YOU FOUND JINROKU?
KAGERIZAKA'S MAYOR HITOYOSHI MATTSDEIER
KAGERIZAKA'S MILITIA'S COMMANDER KIYOCHIKA NAKASHIMA

AND ABOUT THIS INCIDENT, THE ISLAND ARMY NOTIFIED US THAT THEY WANT TO DEAL WITH IT ON THEIR OWN....
Y-Y-Y-YEAH...


FOR THE MILITIA'S COMMANDER TO NOT PROTECT LIFESTYLES OF THE CITIZENS... NO MATTER HOW MUCH I APOLOGIZE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO APOLOGIZE ENOUGH...!
W-W-W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, COMMANDER!?
MAYOR!! I AM TRULY ASHAMED!!
BOING
SLAM
This is The legendary jumping prostration!
...N, NO... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT... IT'S ALL...
WE WERE GETTING OUR BUDGET FROM THE CITIZENS' TAXES, BUT NOW THAT THE LIBERATION ARMY'S UPRISING HAD STARTED, WE CAN'T DEAL WITH IT BY OURSELVES...
IN THE END, WE'RE JUST TEMPORARILY CONFISCATING THINGS AS THE ISLAND ARMY'S LUGGAGE CARRIERS...!

WE COVERED THE GARRISON'S EXPENSES WITH THE BUDGET THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT ON OUR OWN MILITIA AND WASTED TIME TO CREATE CONNECTIONS WITH THE ARMY.. WE, POLITICIANS, ARE RESPONSIBLE.
...THE FAULT OF... PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN CITY'S POLITICS, INCLUDING ME. WE EXPECTED WITH NO BASIS THAT MAYBE THE ISLAND ARMY WILL PROTECT US WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE,
CATION
ON THE FIRST GLANCE, RATIONING LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE BEING KIND TO THE CITIZENS, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A PLAN TO GRASP POPULARITY AS THE MEANS TO PREVENT THE INSURRECTION'S INFLUENCE FROM EXPANDING.
THE COLONEL AND THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDING THE ISLAND ARMY HERE AREN'T INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BESIDES MAINTAINING THE ORDER.
NO... WE SHOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING EVEN WITH SCARCE BUDGET AND EQUIPMENT NOW THAT THINGS ARE ACTUALLY HAPPENING.

...IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN TAKE UPON YOURSELF ALONE.
AND ENLIGHTENING THEM IS BEYOND US...
OUR TOWNSFOLK WILL SEE THE ISLAND ARMY PROTECTING THEM BEFORE THEIR EYES AND FORGET THAT THE ISLAND HAD LOST STABILITY BECAUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT'S MISGOVERNMENT AS LONG AS THE RATIONING, WHICH IS A PUBLICITY STUNT, PRODUCES GRATEFUL PEOPLE.
IN THE END WE, THE GOVERNING INSTITUTION, WEREN'T CONVEYING THAT PROPERLY TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN...
BE IT A REGION OR A NATION, TO THE RULERS: THE VIOLENCE PROTECTING THE THREE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT IS INDISPENSABLE.
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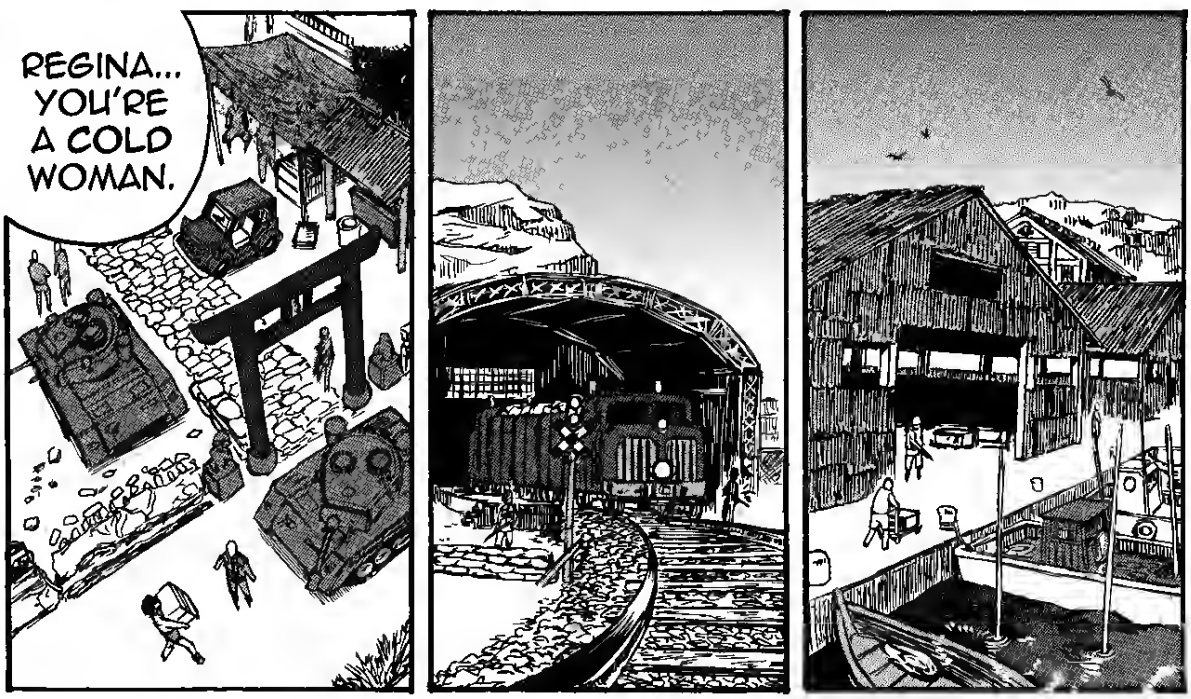
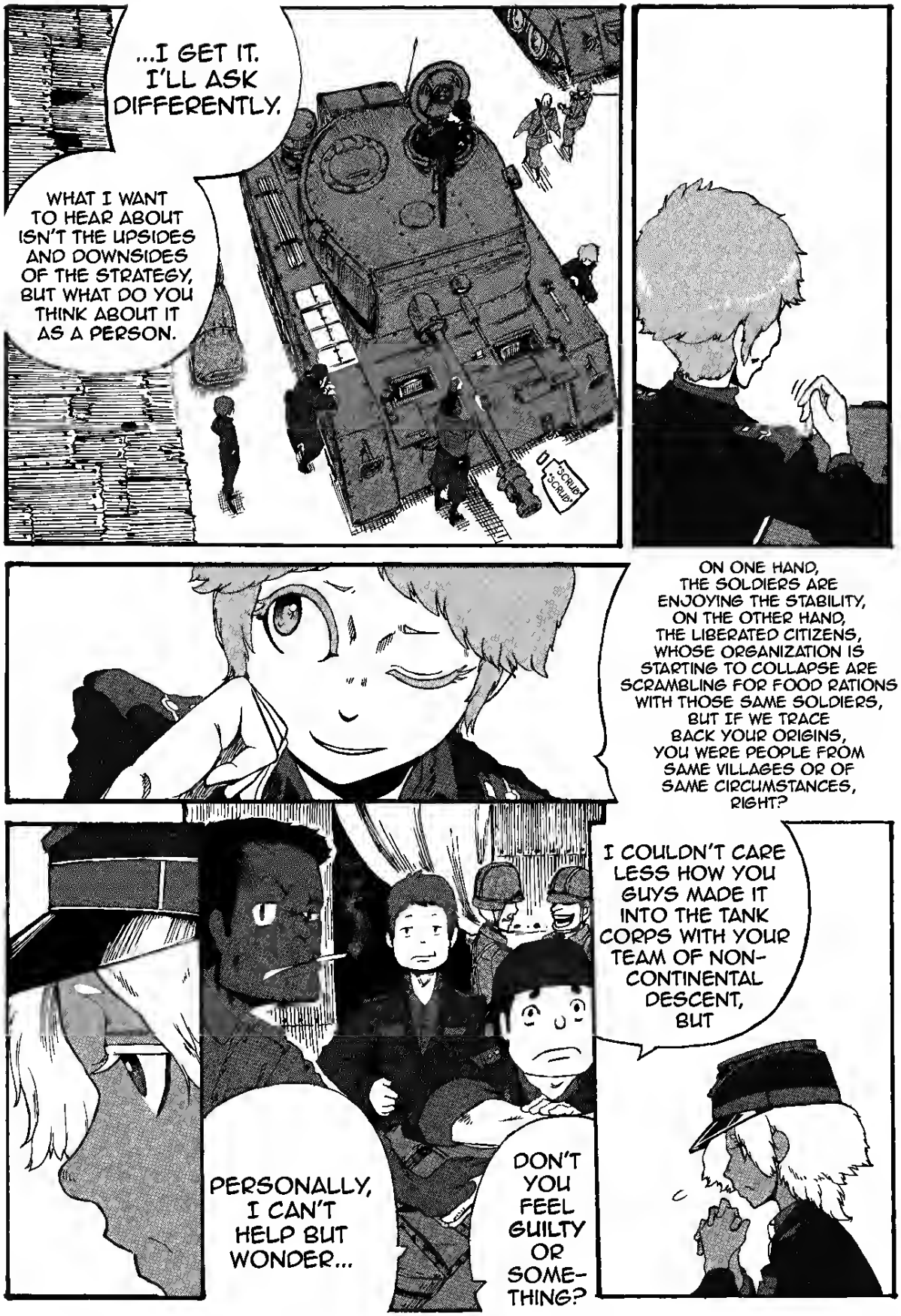
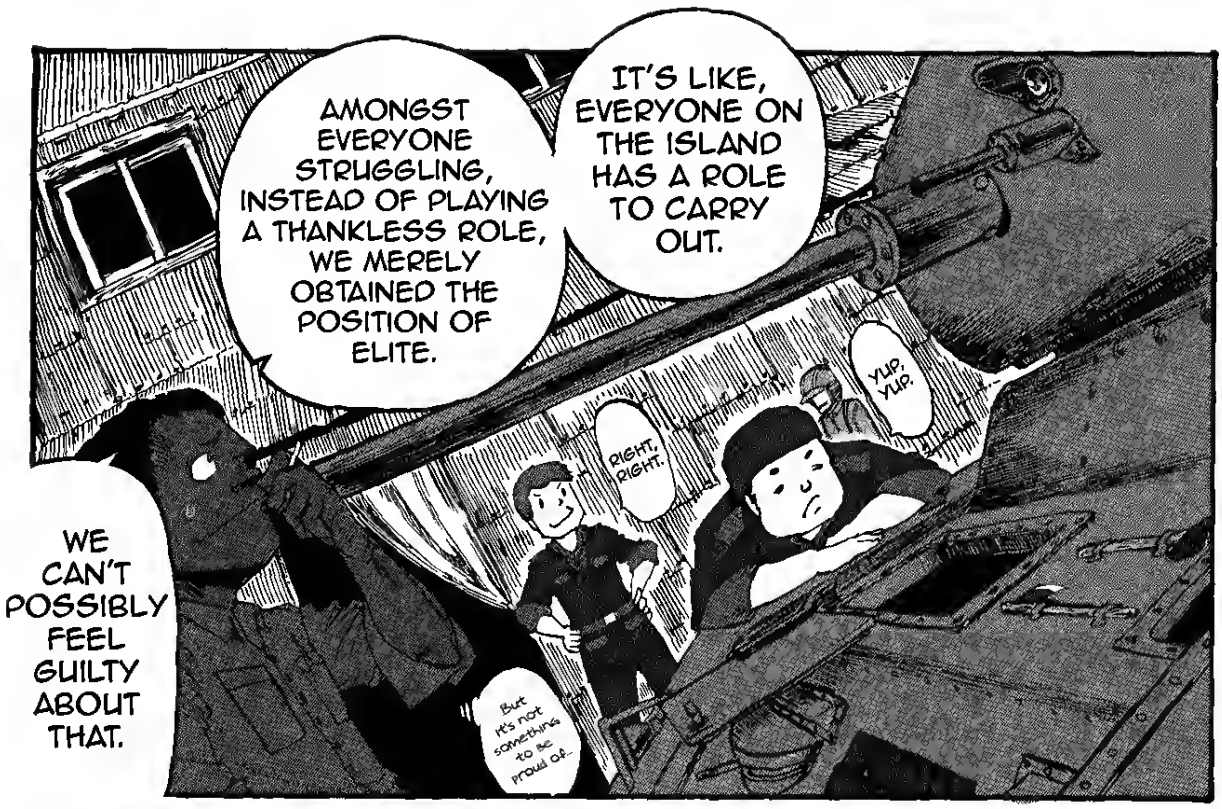
...AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I FEEL RESPONSIBLE...
IF WE WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER AND MADE PEOPLE AWARE, MAYBE THE SITUATION WOULD HAVE CHANGED..


REGINA... YOU'RE A COLD WOMAN.

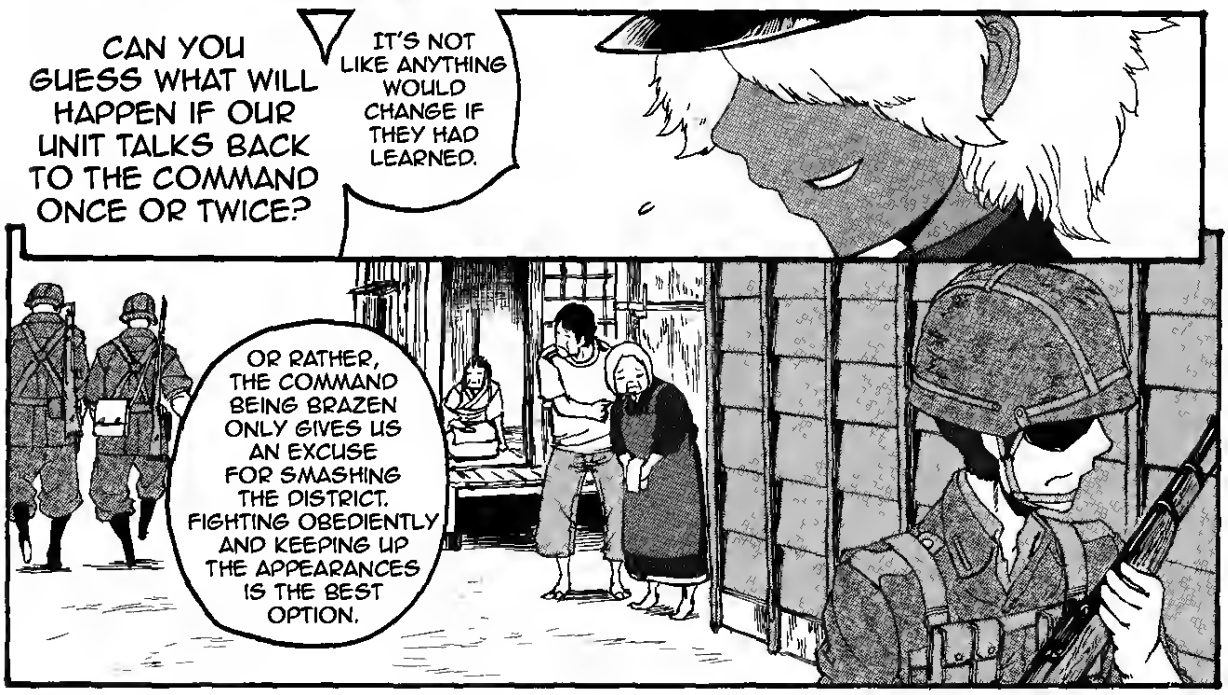
YOU'RE NOT SHAKEN AT ALL DESPITE BEING OF SOUTHERN DESCENT YOURSELF.
WHETHER IT'S THE LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATORY OBSERVATION MISSION IN THE SOUTH UNTIL A YEAR AGO OR THE STATE OF THIS TOWN NOW
SNAP!
14TH ARMOURED PLATOON'S COMMANDER 2ND LIEUTENANT AGASA FINC
...WHY, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE "STARVATION TACTICS" ADOPTED BY THE MAJOR GENERAL?
...WHAT, YOU SAY...
I'M ASKING WHAT DO YOU FRANKLY THINK ABOUT THE SEEMINGLY BRUTAL PLAN THAT INCITES THE INTERNAL COLLAPSE OF THE ENEMY BY DISTRIBUTING PROVISIONS WHILE THEY'RE STRUGGLING WITH THE FOOD SUPPLY.
WE, WHO'S GONNA GET DENOUNCED IF WE FIGHT CLUMSILY AND SHOOT A CIVILIAN BY ACCIDENT?
ISN'T IT APPROPRIATE? WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE ON THE FOOD SUPPLY SIDE AND THE ENEMY IS STARVING WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO PROPERLY UTILIZE THE GRANARY AREA FOR SOME REASON, RIGHT? WE CAN'T POSSIBLY NOT USE THAT, CAN WE?


...I GET IT. I'LL ASK DIFFERENTLY.
WHAT I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ISN'T THE UPSIDES AND DOWNSIDES OF THE STRATEGY, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT AS A PERSON.
SCRUB SCRUB
ON ONE HAND, THE SOLDIERS ARE ENJOYING THE STABILITY, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LIBERATED CITIZENS, WHOSE ORGANIZATION IS STARTING TO COLLAPSE ARE SCRAMBLING FOR FOOD RATIONS WITH THOSE SAME SOLDIERS, BUT IF WE TRACE BACK YOUR ORIGINS, YOU WERE PEOPLE FROM SAME VILLAGES OR OF SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, RIGHT?
I COULDN'T CARE LESS HOW YOU GUYS MADE IT INTO THE TANK CORPS WITH YOUR TEAM OF NON-CONTINENTAL DESCENT, BUT
DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY OR SOME-THING?
PERSONALLY, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER...

MY FAMILY AND I WERE TREATED LIKE SLAVES BEFORE WE KNEW IT, BUT EVERYONE DID THE BEST WE COULD.
THE REQUISITION PEFRORMED UNDER THE NAME OF 'DINING REFORM' BEAT DOWN PRICES OF THE CROPS PRODUCED NEARBY.
IN THAT SITUATION, THE CAPITAL SELFISHLY DECIDED TO RAISE TAXES FOR THE SAKE OF THE CONTINENT.
...THE RUMORS OF AN EPIDEMIC HAPPENING
HAD COLLAPSED THE STOCK RAISING.
THE ECONOMY OF SOUTH GROUND TO A HALT.
AND NOW WE HAVE GRAIN SHORT-AGES.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE LIBERATION ARMY PARTICIPANTS ARE ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT POLITICS.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE, A TEAM OF NON-CONTINENTAL DESCENT, KNOCKED ON THE CAMP'S GATE THINKING ABOUT CRUSHING THEM.


AMONGST EVERYONE STRUGGLING, INSTEAD OF PLAYING A THANKLESS ROLE, WE MERELY OBTAINED THE POSITION OF ELITE.
IT'S LIKE, EVERYONE ON THE ISLAND HAS A ROLE TO CARRY OUT.
YUP, YUP.
RIGHT, RIGHT.
But it's not something to be proud of.
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY FEEL GUILTY ABOUT THAT.

IF BIG SHOTS FROM THE COMMAND CENTER SEE THROUGH THAT INSINCERE ATTITUDE, THE NON-CONTINENTAL DESCENT TEAM WILL GET DEPLOYED TO THE FRONT LINES, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?


CAN YOU GUESS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF OUR UNIT TALKS BACK TO THE COMMAND ONCE OR TWICE?
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WOULD CHANGE IF THEY HAD LEARNED.
OR RATHER, THE COMMAND BEING BRAZEN ONLY GIVES US AN EXCUSE FOR SMASHING THE DISTRICT. FIGHTING OBEDIENTLY AND KEEPING UP THE APPEARANCES IS THE BEST OPTION.

THE SMALL FIRES AND DISTURBANCES HAPPENING ON THE OTHER SIDE SINCE THE DISTRIBUTION OF MARINE PRODUCTS HAD STARTED, IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE LIBERATED CITIZENS PILLAGING, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, REGINA.
ISN'T THERE ANOTHER POSITION TO CONSIDER? THE POSITION OF THE LOCALS IN THIS TOWN THAT BECAME A BATTLEFIELD.
BASICALLY, THE ONES WHO ARE BEING ROBBED ARE THE LOCALS WHO RECEIVED THE RATIONING AND EACH TIME PEOPLE, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TAKE DAMAGE.
IF THIS SITUATION DRAGS ON, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO RESTORE THE TOWN'S FUNCTION...
SUCH THINGS ARE HAPPENING ACROSS THE WHOLE ISLAND...

I THINK WE MUST FINISH THIS THOROUGHLY, EVEN WITH SOME DRASTIC MEASURES.
EVEN AS SOME NOBODY FROM THE ARMY, I CAN'T CONSENT TO KEEPING EVERYTHING IN LIMBO LIKE THIS.
I THINK THAT WAY OF THINKING IS NECESSARY FOR BOTH THIS TOWN AND THIS ISLAND.
Bawww
TBC IN CH. #15...

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-TO ARU OSSAN NO KATSUDOUKI
-GUNNERS
-CAT SHIT ONE '80
-SHIDENKAI NO MAKI
-AND MORE!

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